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Overview

Introduction

The Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System (CARS) provides upto-date financial information through financial inquiry to the online user. The financial inquiry subsystem allows the user to inquire upon four of the system's master files. This provides the user with financial information that has been successfully posted in CARS as of the last CARS edit/update cycle.

Screens

The **APPROPRIATION FILE INQUIRY** screen provides appropriation status concerning an agency's expenditures compared to allotment and appropriation balances. See "*Appropriation File Inquiry*" for a complete discussion

The **CASH CONTROL FILE INQUIRY** screen displays available cash balances for agencies and funds. See "*Cash Control File Inquiry*" for a complete discussion.

The **DOCUMENT FILE INQUIRY** screen allows an agency to track specific document balances, such as travel advances from creation through final liquidation. See "*Document File Inquiry*" for a complete discussion.

The VENDOR PAYMENT FILE AND VENDOR PAYMENTS DISPLAY INQUIRY screens expedite vendor payment inquires by allowing agencies to inquire on transactions pertaining to a specific agency vendor. See "Vendor Payment File Inquiry" and "Vendor Payment Display" for a complete discussion.

Purpose

The primary purpose of the CARS financial inquiry subsystem is to provide the online user with timely financial information.

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On-line Access

Financial Inquiry is provided by the following functions on the CARS Master Menu:

- 61 Appropriations
- 62 Cash Control
- 63 Document
- 65 Vendor Payment Detail
- 66 —Vendor Payment Display

Security

Access to the Financial Inquiry Subsystem is based upon security authorization established for the user ID in the CARS Security Table. If a user attempts to access a function and he/she does not have security clearance, a "Z11 - SECURITY VIOLATION" message will appear on the terminal screen. A user can only inquire upon those agencies defined as access agencies for that user ID on the Security Table. All other inquiries will result in a "Z11 – SECURITY VIOLATION" message.

Screen Functions

All CARS Financial Inquiry screens allow the user to perform four basic functions as follows:

- **S** = **START READ,** CARS will read and display the financial records beginning with the information requested.
- **N** = **NEXT RECORD,** CARS will read and display the next record on the system based on what is currently displayed.
- C = CLEAR SCREEN, CARS will clear the screen of all financial data but prompt will remain.
- **PF13** = Return to the master menu.

When an entry key is entered, the **START READ** function displays the item requested. If no key is entered, the first CARS record the user has security access to displays.

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NEXT RECORD function instructs the system to display the next record to which the user has security access, based upon what is currently displayed in the entry key on the inquiry screen. This provides the user with the ability to page/scroll through the records.

CLEAR function instructs the system to clear the entry key and financial information from the screen so the user may perform another inquiry based on a different set of key elements. Prompts and captions remain on the screen.

PF13 or MENU function instructs the system to return to the Master Menu so other system functions can be performed.

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Appropriation File Inquiry

Purpose The APPROPRIATION FILE INQUIRY screen provides the ability to obtain

summary level financial information concerning appropriations, allotments,

and expenditures as of the last update cycle.

Accessing Access the APPROPRIATION FILE INQUIRY screen by entering function

'61' on the CARS Master Menu, and depressing the Enter key.

Screen Format

ACTL0610 C A R S - APPROPRIATION FILE INQUIRY S610

ENTER FUNCTION: (S=START READ, N=NEXT PAGE, C=CLEAR, PF13=MENU)

AGY: FUND: FFY: PGM PROJECT:

CLOSE DATE: OVER EXPEND DATE:

CURRENT MONTH PRIOR MONTH PRIOR YEAR

APPROPRIATIONS:
TRANSFERS:
REVERSIONS:
RESTRICTIONS:
NET APPROPRIATIONS:
ALLOTMENTS
ENCUMBRANCES
EXPEDITURES
AVAIL ALLOT BALANCE:
AVAIL APPN BALANCE:
REVENUES:

Screen Functions Refer to "Screen Functions."

Entry Key

The APPROPRIATION FILE INQUIRY screen allows the user to inquire upon information by AGENCY, FUND, FFY, PGM, AND PROJECT (key elements). To inquire upon the data, enter all of the key elements or only selected key elements. If a partial key element is entered, enter field data on the screen without omission from left to right (left justified).

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Screen Element Description

Element	Description
Appropriations	Financial balance indicating appropriation
	amount of the specified program/project.
	Includes reappropriations, subsequent
	Executive Appropriations, subsequent
	legislative Appropriations, and Deficit
	Appropriations.
Transfers	Appropriation amounts transferred into or out of a particular appropriations account
Reversions	Defines amounts reverted into the General
reversions	Fund for appropriations with an unexpended
	balance or an appropriation that is negated by
	the General Assembly.
Restrictions	Appropriation amount which has been legally
	withheld from the allotment process.
Net Appropriations	Balance of the appropriation after transfers,
	reversions, and restrictions.
Allotment	Amount of appropriation approved for
	expending during a particular fiscal period.
Encumbrances	Financial balance which reflects the
	outstanding obligations for that account. (Not
	currently used.)
Expenditures	Cumulative expenditures recorded against an
	appropriations record.
Available Allotment	Balance of the allotment less expenditures.
Balance	
Available Appropriation	Balance of appropriations after expenditures.
Balance	
Revenues	Revenues for a fiscal period. (Not currently
	used.)

Once the key elements are entered, the Appropriation File Inquiry Screen displays financial information from various accumulators in the Appropriation File for the current month (CM-0), the prior month (CM-1), and the prior year (PY-0). Only Capital Outlay project balances are available.

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The current month field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the year through the last Input Edit Update Cycle. The prior month field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the year through the end of the last fiscal month. The prior year field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the prior year through the end of the prior year.

Inquiry Procedures

The key elements are the only fields that you can enter. The remaining elements are for information only and are displayed for the specified key. A partial key must be entered consecutively from left to right to have a successful inquiry. If no key elements are entered, the first record of the first access agency will be displayed.

Financial amounts are displayed for appropriations, transfers, reversions, restrictions, net appropriations, allotments, expenditures, available allotment balance, and available appropriation balance.

A close date is displayed if the keyed appropriation element was closed to financial processing. The over expend date displays if a transaction exceeding the available allotment balances has been entered as a funds control override. If you enter an invalid function or key element, you will be prompted by a maximum of three error messages displayed at the bottom of the terminal screen.

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Cash Control File Inquiry

Purpose The CASH CONTROL FILE INQUIRY screen provides the ability to obtain

summary level information pertaining to an agency's cash status as

maintained in the CARS database as of the last edit update.

Accessing Access the CASH CONTROL FILE INQUIRY by entering function '62' on

the CARS Master Menu, and depressing the Enter key.

Screen Format

ACTL0620 C A R S - CASH CONTROL FILE INQUIRY S620

ENTER FUNCTION: (S=START READ, N=NEXT RECORD, C=CLEAR, PF13=MENU)

AGY: FUND: FFY:

OVER EXPEND DATE:

CURRENT MONTH PRIOR MONTH PRIOR YEAR

BEGINNING BALANCE: TRANSFERS: REVENUE COLLECTIONS: OTHER COLLECTIONS: EXPEND DISBURSEMENTS: OTHER DISBURSEMENTS: CASH BALANCE: WARRANTS IN PROCESS: AVAIL CASH BALANCE: INVESTMENTS: PETTY CASH:

Screen Functions Refer to "Screen Functions."

Entry Key

The CASH CONTROL FILE INQUIRY screen allows you to inquire on information by AGENCY, FUND, and FUNDING FISCAL YEAR, (key elements). To inquire upon the data, enter all of the key elements or only selected key elements. If a partial key element is entered, enter field data on the screen without omission from left to right (left justified).

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Screen Element Description

Element	Description
Beginning Balance	Balance as of the beginning of the fiscal year.
Transfers	Net amount of transfers in and transfers out.
Revenue Collections	Financial balance that reflects collected revenues.
Other Collections	Financial balances which reflect collections other than revenues.
Expend Disbursements	Reflects the cumulative expenditures recorded.
Other Disbursements	Disbursements other than expenditures.
Cash Balance	Financial balance showing the cash account after
	adjustments for net Transfers, Revenue
	Collections, Other Collections, Expenditure and
	Other Disbursements.
Warrants in Process	Restricted use for Department of Medical
	Assistance Services.
Available Cash Balance	Cash balance plus the warrant in process amount.
Investments	Amount expended to acquire property or other
	assets in order to produce revenue. (Not currently
	used.)
Petty Cash	Amount set aside for agency operating use. (Not
	currently used.)

The CASH CONTROL FILE INQUIRY screen displays financial information from various accumulators in the Cash Control File for the current month (CM-0), the prior month (CM-1), and the prior year (PY-0). The current month field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the year through the last Input Edit Update. The prior month field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the year through the end of the last month. The prior year field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the prior year through the end of the prior year.

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Inquiry Procedures

The key elements (see "Entry Key") are the only fields that can be entered. The remaining elements are for information only and display for the specified key. A partial key must be entered consecutively from left to right to have a successful inquiry. If no key elements are entered, the first record for first access agency displays.

The CASH CONTROL FILE INQUIRY screen displays an informational element for the over expend date. This date displays when a transaction causing available cash to be exceeded is entered with a funds control override.

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Document File Inquiry

Purpose The DOCUMENT FILE INQUIRY screen provides the ability to obtain

document level balance as of the last Input Edit Update.

Accessing Access the DOCUMENT FILE INQUIRY screen by entering function '63' on

the CARS Master Menu, and depressing the enter key.

Screen Format

ACTL0630 C A R S - DOCUMENT FILE INQUIRY S630

ENTER FUNCTION: (S=START READ, N=NEXT RECORD, C=CLEAR, PF13=MENU)

AGY: DOCUMENT-ID: FFY: GLA:

FUND: PGM: S-PGM: ELE: OBJ: ORG-LEVELS:

PROJECT: CLOSE DATE:

VENDOR-ID: VENDOR NAME:

CURRENT MONTH PRIOR MONTH PRIOR YEAR

DOCUMENT AMOUNT: ADJUSTMENT AMOUNT: LIQUIDATION AMOUNT: DOCUMENT BALANCE:

PAYMENTS:

Screen Functions Refer to "Screen Functions."

Entry Key

The DOCUMENT FILE INQUIRY allows you to inquire upon document detail information by AGENCY, DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION, FUNDING FISCAL YEAR, and GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT (key elements). To inquire upon the data, enter all of the key elements or only selected key elements. If a partial key element is entered, enter field data on the screen without omission from left to right (left justified).

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Screen Element Description

Element	Description
Vendor ID	Twelve-digit identification of the vendor associated
	with the particular document.
Vendor Name	Name of the vendor associated with the specific ID.
Document Amount	Financial balance that reflects the original amount of a
	particular document (i.e., amount of a travel advance,
	or deposit certificate).
Adjustment Amount	Subsequent increases or decreases in document
	amount.
Liquidation Amount	Cumulative amount of liquidations that have been
	posted on the individual record.
Document Balance	Document amount after adjustments and liquidations.
Payments	Cumulative amount of payments that have been made
	against a document record.

Once the key is entered, the DOCUMENT FILE INQUIRY screen displays financial information from various accumulators in the Document File for the current month (CM-0), the prior month (CM-1), and the prior year (PY-0). The current month field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the year through the last Input Edit Update. The prior month field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the year through the end of the last month. The prior year field represents financial amounts from the beginning of the prior year through the end of the prior year.

Inquiry Procedures

The key elements (See "Entry Key") are the only fields that can be entered. The remaining elements are for information only and display for the specified key. A partial key must be entered consecutively from left to right to have a successful inquiry. If no key elements are entered, the first record for first access agency displays.

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Vendor Payment File Inquiry

Purpose The VENDOR PAYMENT FILE INQUIRY screen allows the user to inquire

upon detailed payment information at the transaction level pertaining to a

specific vendor.

Accessing Access the VENDOR PAYMENT DETAIL INQUIRY screen by entering

function '65' on the CARS Master Menu, and depressing the Enter key.

Screen Format

ACTL0650 C A R S - VENDOR PAYMENT FILE INQUIRY/SELECTION S650

ENTER FUNCTION: (S=START READ, N=NEXT RECORD, C=CLEAR, U=UPDATE, PF13=MENU)

SEARCH TYPE: (1=VENDOR-ID, 2=AGY VOUCHER, 3=VENDOR NAME)

AGY: VENDOR-ID: CUSTOMER ACCOUNT:

AGY-VOUCHER: VENDOR-NAME:

ENDOR-NAME:

ADDR1: ADDR2:

CITY: ST: ZIP:

TRANS-ID: STATUS:

DUE-DATE CHECK-NO: CHECK-DATE BANK: TYPE:

INV-DATE: INV-NO: INV-DESC:

TRANSACTION ACMOUNT: EIN/SSN: 1099-IND:

Screen Functions

Refer to "Screen Functions," and below:

U = UPDATE, allows a user with proper security access to update the

payment status.

Entry Key

The VENDOR PAYMENT FILE INQUIRY/SELECTION screen allows you to determine the Entry key to be used for inquiry based upon a search type.

The search type entered in the financial inquiry transaction for vendor payments instructs the system to perform the inquiry in three different ways:

- Search type 1: Inquire by agency and vendor identification.
- Search type 2: Inquire by agency and agency voucher number.
- Search type 3: Inquire by agency and vendor name.

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Like other financial inquiry functions, you may enter a full or partial key element to initiate an inquiry. Key elements are VENDOR IDENTIFICATION, AGENCY VOUCHER, and VENDOR NAME. Agency number is always required for a partial key element. Additionally, vendor identification, agency voucher number, or vendor name may be entered based upon the search type that you select.

Once the search type and key elements are entered and when the financial inquiry request is initiated, transaction detail pertaining to the specific vendor will be displayed.

Screen Element Description

Element		Description	
AGY	Three-digit identification number indicating the		
	organiz	ational unit of the Commonwealth	
Vendor-ID	Vendor	Identification	
Customer Account	Agency	's customer account number with the vendor.	
Agy-Voucher	Agency	voucher number	
Vendor-Name	Name o	of vendor associated with the Vendor-ID	
Address 1	First lin	ne of the vendor's address	
Address 2	Additio	nal address line if needed	
City/State/Zip	City, st	ate, and zip code related to the vendor address	
Trans-ID	Uniquely identifies transactions input to the system;		
	includes Batch ID, Batch Seq No. and Dup Record		
	Indicator		
Status	A one-digit code and description indicating the status		
	of a pay	yment	
	Value	Definition	
	1	AWAITING DUE DATE FOR	
		DISBURSEMENT	
	2	WARRANT WRITING IN PROCESS	
	3 WARRANT WRITTEN & CHECK #		
		RETURNED	
	4	DELETED	

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Screen Element Description (continued)

	Value	Definition
	5	MANUALLY SELECTED FOR NEXT
		CYCLE
	6	MANUAL WARRANT
	7	CDS OFFSET
Element		Description
Due-Date	Date by	which payment must be mailed to the vendor
Check-No	Check 1	number printed on a check or trace number for
	EDI pay	yment
Check-Date	Date of	the check
Bank	Identifi	es the bank and bank account on which the
	disbursement was made	
Type	Identifies the type of check used for a disbursement	
Inv-Date	Date of the vendor's invoice; not the due date	
Inv-No	Vendor's invoice number	
Inv-Desc	Description of the item contained on the invoice or	
	other pertinent data	
Transaction Amount	The monetary amount of an input transaction record.	
EIN/SSN	Nine-digit tax identification associated with the	
	payment	
1099-IND	A one-digit field used by agencies participating in	
	the 1099 reporting program to denote transactions as	
		portable.

Inquiry Procedures

The key elements (see "Entry Key,") are the only fields that can be entered. The selected Search Type determines the required key elements.

Search Type	Action
1 = Vendor-ID	Enter agency and vendor identification.
2 = Agy-Voucher	Enter agency and voucher number.
3 = Vendor-Name	Enter agency and vendor name.

To change the status of a payment, enter a "U" in the function field. (DOA Personnel Only.) The status of a payment is the only field that can be updated. Valid values are:

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Value	Definition
1	AWAITING DUE DATE FOR DISBURSEMENT
2	WARRANT WRITING IN PROCESS
3	WARRANT WRITTEN & CHECK # RETURNED
4	DELETED
5	MANUALLY SELECTED FOR NEXT CYCLE
6	MANUAL WARRANT
7	CDS OFFSET

When you enter valid combinations of function, search type, and key elements, the system responds by retrieving all data elements associated with the key elements.

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Vendor Payment Display

Purpose The VENDOR PAYMENTS DISPLAY screen allows the user to inquire

upon multiple disbursement transactions.

Accessing Access the VENDOR PAYMENT DISPLAY screen by pressing Function 66

on the CARS Master Menu, and depressing the Enter key.

Screen Format

ACTL0660 C A R S - VENDOR PAYMENTS DISPLAY S660

ENTER FUNCTION: (S=START READ, N=NEXT RECORD, C=CLEAR, PF13=MENU) SEARCH TYPE: (1=VENDOR-ID, 2=AGY-VOUCHER, 3=VENDOR-NAME)

AGY: VENDOR-ID/SFX: AGY-VOUCHER VENDOR-NAME

STATUS CHECK-ID DUE-DATE: CHECK-DATE INV-NO AMOUNT

Screen Functions Refer to "Screen Functions."

Entry Key

The VENDOR PAYMENTS DISPLAY screen allows you to determine the data elements to be used for inquiry based upon a search type.

The search type entered in the financial inquiry transaction instructs the system to perform the inquiry in three different ways.

- Search type 1: Inquire by agency and vendor identification.
- Search type 2: Inquire by agency and agency voucher number.
- Search type 3: Inquire by agency and vendor name.

Consistent with other financial inquiry functions, you may enter a full or partial key element to initiate an inquiry. Key elements are VENDOR IDENTIFICATION, AGENCY VOUCHER, and VENDOR NAME. <u>Agency number is always required for a partial key element</u>. Additionally, vendor identification, agency voucher number or vendor name may be entered based upon the search type that is selected.

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Screen Element Description

Element		Description	
AGY	Three-digit identification number indicating the		
	organizational unit of the Commonwealth		
Vendor-ID	Ten-digit data element assigned to a particular vendor		
Agy-Voucher	Eight-digit data element used by the batching agency to		
	associate transactions with a source document		
Vendor-Name	Name of	f vendor associated with Vendor-ID	
Status	One-dig	it code indicating the status of a payment. Valid	
	values a	re:	
	Value	Definition	
	1	AWAITING DUE DATE FOR	
		DISBURSEMENT	
	2	WARRANT WRITING IN PROCESS	
	3	WARRANT WRITTEN & CHECK #	
		RETURNED	
	4	DELETED	
	5	MANUALLY SELECTED FOR NEXT CYCLE	
	6	MANUAL WARRANT	
	7	CDS OFFSET	
Check-ID	Group o	f data elements consisting of Bank code, Check	
	Type, and Check Number used for disbursement		
	transactions		
Due-Date	Date by which payment must be mailed to the vendor		
Check-Date	Date of a disbursement check		
Inv-No	Vendor's invoice number		
Amount	Element indicating the monetary amount of an input		
	transacti	on record	

Inquiry Procedures

The key elements (see "Entry Key,") are the only fields that can be entered. The Selected Search Type determines the required key elements.

Search Type	Actions
1 = Vendor-ID	Enter agency and vendor identification.
2 = Agy-Voucher	Enter agency and voucher number.
3 = Vendor-Name	Enter agency and vendor name.

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When you have entered valid combinations of function, search type, and key elements, the system responds by retrieving all data elements associated with the key elements.

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